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1. On 13 April 1952, Puetnitz airfield was observed when the visibility was good. Two MiG-15s took off at 3:30 p.m. and landed again at 4:15 p.m. approaching from the west. Five swept-back jet fighters were also parked at the field. Between 5:30 and 8 p.m. source observed the field from the east. A biplane took off at 6:05 p.m. and a twin-engine transport with a nose wheel and radial engine took off at 6:10 p.m. Four MiG-15s took off at 6:20 p.m. and landed at about 7 p.m. Between 5 and 8 p.m. on 19 and 20 April, there was no flying. Ten to twelve swept-back jet fighters were observed at the field. About 8 p.m. on 19 April, the runway lighting facilities including three red lights at the east end of the runway were switched on.

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2. It was repeatedly observed that women wearing uniforms were employed at the field. A German who lived in the vicinity of the field said that two aircraft had crashed over the bay in late April. Motor vehicles which entered and left the field included trucks occupied by two officers wearing black uniforms and white caps. loaded with radio equipment, sedan and jeep

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3. Between 17 and 25 April, it was daily observed that jet fighters practiced flying in formations of up to 12 planes. According to a local resident, a jet fighter crashed over the bay of Ahrenshoop (N 55/P 05) at about 9:45 p.m. on 18 April. The wrecked plane was salvaged by Russians. There was considerably less air activity between 26 April and 3 May than previously. Source estimated that the field was occupied by 50 to 60 jet fighters and 2,000 men. A radio mast 10 to 12 meters high and a low wooden building were located in the eastern extension of the runway, about 300 meters from the end of the runway. Between 10 and 11 a.m. on 19 April, ten tanks were used during driving practice at the northern section of the field. Trucks were observed entering and leaving the installation.

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4. On 4 May, a resident from Dangarten said that five jet fighters which were coming in to land at the field crashed in the water at the end of April. *

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Comment. The report confirms that Puetnitz airfield is occupied by two fighter regiments. Prior to about 10 March 1952, one regiment was stationed there. About 10 March 1952, the fighter regiment from Neu-brandenburg was transferred to the field. The estimated occupation by 50 to 60 MiG-15s is believed to be correct. The difference in the number of aircraft observed by the various sources can be explained by the presence of numerous hangars at the field. The information that MiG-15s crashed in the bay which borders the field on two sides was previously received from other informants, but such crashes have not been observed by sources themselves.

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